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TO AMEMBASSY MANAMA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, MASS, BA

SUBJECT:SALE OF M72 LAW TO BAHRAIN

REF: MANAMA 1161

1. WE REGRET TO INFORM EMBASSY THAT TECHNICAL DEFECTS DISCOVERED IN M72S WHILE SHIPMENT TO BAHRAIN WAS ON ROUTE LAST FALL, HAS REQUIRED THE CORRECTION OF ALL AFFECTED M72S IN US INVENTORY AS WELL AS THOSE TO BE SOLD UNDER FMS CONTRACTS. THIS HAS PROVEN TO BE TIME CONSUMING PROCEDURE AND ARMY ESTIMATES THAT LAWS WITH REPLACEMENT PARTS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO BAHRAIN UNTIL AUGUST 1977.

2. SECOND UNFORTUNATE BIT OF NEWS IS THAT TRANSPORTATION CHARGES SET FORTH IN SALES CASE SIGNED FEBRUARY 19, 1975 WERE UNDERSTATED BY DOLS 25,000 (SALE CASE ESTIMATED TRANSPORTATION WOULD TOTAL DOLS 12,511). ARMY IS NOW PREPARING DD 1513-2 REFLECTING NECESSARY PRICE INCREASE. NEWTRANSPORTATION COSTS ARE THOSE COMPUTED IN ACCORDANCE  
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WITH GAO FINDINGS THAT DOD HAD NOT BEEN RECOVERING FULL

COST OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER FMS.

3. UPON RECEIPT OF DD 1513-2 REFLECTING PRICE INCREASE,  
YOU SHOULD ASCERTAIN IF GOB STILL DESIRES FULL 1500 M72S  
OR A REDUCED AMOUNT. KISSINGER

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